

# THE LOG

## K-W NAVAL ASSOCIATION

### MARCH – APRIL 2008

## FROM THE TOP



Shipmates:

We are slowly approaching spring, but looking outside you would never know it. We had an old fashion winter, thank God for global warming.

I must thank Terry Hartman for keeping on top of our snow removal and pitching in for Brad Misner.

The last two months have not been so bad for business, but we are down from the past. As you know, everything goes up in price especially utilities and this cuts down on our bank balance which we need to keep this club afloat.

We have some events coming up in the near future, so please come out and support. Our Directors are trying hard to make things go.

The Directors of this club don't get paid for what they do, they work hard to make this club go. If you have any complaints, keep your B.S. to yourself or run for that position next election.

It was brought to my attention that someone removed the ponies from the club without permission. We were sort of horseless for our Saturday activities. Remember, nothing leaves this building without our consent.

On February 16<sup>th</sup> we had a bus load of members from the Woodstock Naval Association. They had a good time and enjoyed our hospitality. Thank you to those who made them welcome.

In closing, I guess you know Mike Edwards is in Florida soaking up all the sun rays, so we can stay home and absorb all the ice pellets. Kidding aside, it was a well deserved holiday.



**PRESIDENT  
BOB MILLER**

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



Greetings from the sunny south, Shipmates!  
I'll see you in March.



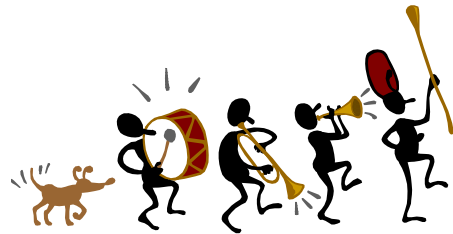
**PAST PRESIDENT  
MIKE EDWARDS**

## POMP & CIRCUMSTANCES



The Bloomingdale Church Parade is coming up on Sunday, April 27, 10:00 AM start.

The following weekend brings the Battle of the Atlantic Parade on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Form up behind the Waterloo City Hall at 12:15 PM. The service starts at 1:00 PM.

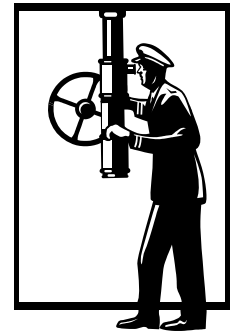


**MASTER AT ARMS  
JOHN COXON**

## THE CREW



I would like to thank all the shipmates that have paid their 2008 membership dues. If you haven't paid your dues by February 29, 2008 you will have to reapply to become a member unless you contact me at [jbabcock@rogers.blackberry.net](mailto:jbabcock@rogers.blackberry.net) or 519-591-0757. If you have any questions about the membership please feel free to ask me any time.



**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
JASON BABCOCK**

## SPORTS



The Super Bowl party was a good time for the twenty or so people that attended and everyone received a prize. The 50/50 draw was won by Ron Ermel. A big thanks to Kelly for making the chili and to Marilyn Babcock for all her help in the kitchen.

The dart tournament on February 9<sup>th</sup> was a small turn out, but fun was had by all. First place was taken by Phil Reitzel, followed by Kiwi in second. Great darts, guys!

Watch for up-coming card tournaments in the club room.

Happy Easter everyone!



**SPORTS DIRECTOR  
RODNEY HOFFMAN**

## SOCIAL



On January 19<sup>th</sup> the KWNA hosted its first Robbie Burns Dinner/Dance. From the response of those who attended the event, I am happy to report that there were many positive remarks and everyone seemed to have a great evening of fun, food and laughter. Thank you to all who helped in making this event a success. Without the support of each and everyone who donated their time and effort these events just wouldn't happen again. Thank you to all who helped out.

## UP & COMING:

*Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Celebration  
Jiggs Dinner/Dance*

This event gets bigger each year so I am hoping for a sell-out. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available at the bar for \$12.00 each.



*Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Lee Steinhoff Memorial Fish Fry*

This will be another great day of food and fun. Watch for more information at the club in March for this event.

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR  
WALTER HARVEY**

## WAYS AND MEANS

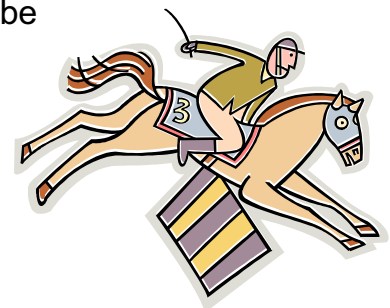


Fellow Shipmates:

This winter weather getting you fed up & down? Well, "We" can help You out! The atmosphere & climate inside the Clubroom is always warm & cheerful, so if you need a getaway, click both heels & say "No place like the Navy Club"!

The feedback from the "Looney draws" is great, they'll be done twice a month! Lot's of great events are planned, so come on out & help fill the Clubroom!

Also, A BIG THANK YOU to all that help set up, organize & participate each week! Without your dedication & help, your activities would not be successful!



**WAYS & MEANS DIRECTOR  
BRENT JANTZI**

## SICK AND VISITING



Why do I leave things go to the last minute. You know you have two months between Logs, however.

Our condolences to the families of members who have lost loved ones since the last Log. Ken Buss whose wife, Ina, passed away in January. I believe Ken was the third President of the club. To Larry Boyle for the loss of his wife Laura, member of the Ladies Auxiliary. The family of Ron Huenemoeder, who passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Ron did not recover from by-pass surgery in early January. And most recently to Trudy and family on the passing of her husband Walter "Chickie" Schnarr on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

In late December I made calls on Herb Habel, George Clement and Myles Chapelle. All are still doing okay. I talked to Myles last week and he and his wife are getting along fine.

Nothing new to report on Jim Bowes in windy Listowel. I spoke to Shirley last week and Jim is holding his own, having good days and walking around the house a wee bit better on his own.

To our friends in Stokes Bay and Hanover, things are okay with Barry Smith, but Ed Paquette is having a few problems. I will keep in touch with Ed and let membership know at the next General Meeting. I wish Ed all the best.

Brad Misner has made it through his surgery okay. He is in very good spirits, Denise told me, so we do hope that things will improve for Brad. He is at home for now and has dropped in to the Club for a visit. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brad and Denise.

Jim Logel has come through his tests and has had some bad news, but once again this guy has a good spirit and outlook ahead. Jim and Marilyn are heading for a cruise in late February. Jim always says hello to the membership. The wife and I had a nice visit with Sidney about a week and a half ago. Gotta keep up with the members and their dogs! Maybe we'll visit Myles and his dogs next week.



Once again, in your prayers remember our shipmates and the people who are taking care of them during their health problems.

**SICK & VISITING DIRECTOR  
DON BALCARRAS**

## **GROUNDS**



Ahoy, Shipmates:

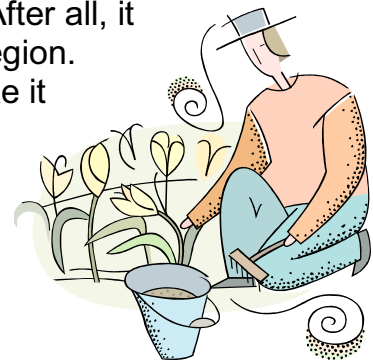
A couple of lines to keep you all in the loop! Our snow removal team has done, I believe, a great job this season. I've had very little complaints (knock on wood). Thanks to all who do the little things in helping me perform my duties. It is a team effort and is very much appreciated.

I have been helping Brad Misner with his duties as well. Thanks to Cam Fraser, John Coxon and Jack Gough for their help also. A job well done, mates! We all are hoping the best for Brad and look forward to his return in keeping our club "shipshape". Get well, friend!

In closing, spring is just around the corner and I can't wait for its return. I look forward to the flowers and garden again. I have to keep the Galley crew happy with the herbs and tomatoes (lol)! I do enjoy doing it all. After all, it is our club and I very much think one of the nicest in the region. As I said earlier, it is the support of our members who make it what it is!

A few changes outside may be noticed in the near future – for the better, of course. Until next time, mates, here's to health and happiness and "Happy Easter to all"!

Cheers!



**GROUNDS DIRECTOR  
TERRY HARTMAN**

## SERVICE OFFICER



Our condolences to Ron Huenemoeder's family on his passing. Ron was a retired Fireman and a Member since 2000. He will be missed around his favourite table.

Our condolences to Larry Boyle and family on the passing of his wife Laura. Laura was a Member of the Ladies Auxiliary since 1983. She worked in the kitchen for a number of years. Larry Boyle is handicapped and his family is looking into assistance for him so he can remain in his home.

Condolences also to Trudy Schnarr on the passing of her husband, Walter (Chickie). Walter was a Life Member of the club.

Two past Members have also passed away, Jack Willimott's wife, Florence (Foo Foo) in Windsor and Shirley Meehan who worked in the kitchen before being transferred to Kingston CINB. Our sympathy goes out to both.

My thanks to the Members that attended Ron and Laura's funerals.



**SERVICE OFFICER  
JACK GOUGH**



## **LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

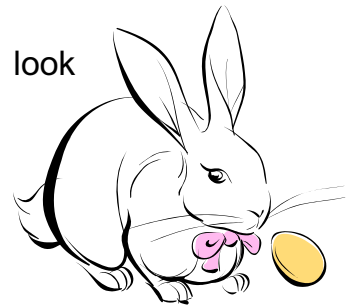
The Auxiliary has had some major expenditures in the last month. We have purchased two new energy efficient upright freezers and a refrigerator. These items are replacing the old chest freezer and the old antiquated fridge in the boardroom.

We will also be replacing our dinnerware in the very near future. The old dinnerware will be donated to organizations in our community. The ladies will be doing a complete inventory of all kitchen equipment when the new dishes arrive. I'm sure our banquet tables will be that much more impressive with the new dishes for catering events.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Ina Buss, wife of Past President Ken Buss and sister-in-law to Joyce Hoffman. Our condolences, also, to the Boyle family on the passing of long time member Laura Boyle and to Trudy Schnarr and family on the passing of Walter "Chickie" Schnarr. They will be remembered and missed by many.

I will be basking in the sun for a couple of weeks but look forward to see everyone at the General Meeting in March.

Happy Easter to all!



**PRESIDENT  
MARILYN WEISS**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Thursday, March 6, 2008  
7:00 PM  
Thursday, April 3, 2008  
7:00 PM

**GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 12, 2008  
7:30 PM  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
7:30 PM

**MEMBERSHIP**



We have 4 new members on the Ladies Auxiliary. Welcome Aboard to Marguerite McNeelands, Mabel Woroch, Julia Carter and Valerie Yates.

Membership is now closed for 2007/08 dues. Anyone who has not renewed will need to reapply. We are, however, always happy to receive new applications if there are any ladies wishing to join the Auxiliary.

***ATTENDANCE DRAW***

January – Carole Whatling  
February – Lillian Boehm

***MEMBERSHIP DRAW***

January – Angela Wheeler (absent)  
February – Betty Barber



**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR  
TEGAN CASSIDY**

## SICK & VISITING



Our condolences to Larry Boyle on the passing of his wife Laura. She will be missed.

Tegan Cassidy is having some health problems right now and is going through some tests. We wish you well, Tegan, and hope everything goes well for you.

I went to see Jean Illig at the Grand River Hospital after she had a serious operation. She came through it with flying colours and was very cheerful. We wish Jean a very speedy recovery and hope she will be back in the club soon.

Helen Stumpf is also going through a lot of tests and we wish her well and hope she will also be back at the club real soon.

Stay well and God bless each and every one of you.



**SICK & VISITING DIRECTOR  
CECILIA BALCARRAS**

## SOCIAL



Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and Happy Birthday to you if your day is in March or April!

Congratulations to the Ladies who won the bottle of wine and spaghetti dinners in January and February.

Thank you to Sandy "Mom on the Go" (519-743-8621) for your discounts and free items at our January meeting. Thanks also to Shirley from "Shirl's Place", 100 Queen St. N. in Kitchener, for your gift certificates that were raffled off at our February meeting.



Anne Boehm of the Children's Wish Foundation will be our guest for the month of March. Charlotte Sider will talk to us about Alzheimer's in the month of April.

Hope to see you all there!

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR  
ISABEL SMITH**



## **THE GALLEY**

Hi Everyone!

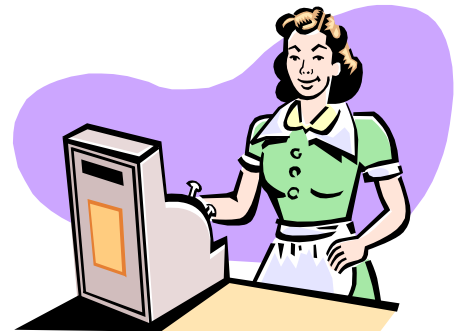
The new freezers are now in. If anyone is interested in seeing them you are more than welcome to have a peek at them.

New juice glasses were purchased for the banquet hall, the old ones are being used for breakfast.

The weather hasn't stopped our regular members from coming out for Spaghetti night. We are also seeing some new faces. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends!

We are getting a good turn out for our brunches for the Southern Cruisers. We always enjoy having them, they are a great group. Thanks to the Cruisers for the donated food to our food bank.

Saturday breakfasts have been great. We are seeing some new faces here also. Thanks to all who volunteer for these functions.



We had a memorial service on February 9, 2008. Ken and Debra Price were very impressed in the new look of the banquet hall. They were also very impressed with the people they talked to about the memorial as they were from

Midland and everything was done by phone. The memorial was for Ken's brother who resided in the K-W area. Thanks to the ladies who made sandwiches.

The Southern Cruisers are coming again on February 24<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to having them again.

The Cadet Student Exchange will be here on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to them coming as we have a lot of fun with the cadets.

Thanks to everyone.

**KITCHEN CHAIRPERSONS  
GLORIA DOUGLAS  
ALICE MIREAU**



Once again we are having a team in the Relay for Life, Friday, June 13, 2008 at the WRPS grounds in Cambridge.

The team will again be called the "K-W Sailor Girls". At this point in time I am still looking for team members. Anyone interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

As a team we all look forward to the support from the Club and the Club members in sponsorship, luminary purchases and any other fund raising events we may have.

Thank you for reading this message.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



**MARY ANNE JANTZI  
CAPTAIN  
K-W SAILOR GIRLS**

## I.B.T.C.





Our team I.B.T.C., Itty Bitty Titty Committee, is walking in a very special event called The Weekend To End Breast Cancer. It takes place on September 5 – 7, 2008. We will walk 60 km over the course of 2 days, but as a condition of participation, each person must raise \$ 2,000.

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Fundraising Dance/Silent Auction at the Navy Club. The event begins at 8:00 pm and will continue until 1 am. All proceeds from this event support Breast Cancer Research, treatment and services through the Campbell Family Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this event the ticket prices are \$10/single or \$15/couple, members of the club can get into this event for free!

Also, if anyone could possibly help us out with anything, for example, selling tickets at the Parade of Prizes table, putting the food out or helping to run one of the games, please let me know.

Thank you and hope to see you there!!

**SUZANNE BUSHFIELD**

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## “Just a Common Sailor ”

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast;  
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in, and the deeds that he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies, they were heroes, everyone.

And tho' sometimes to his neighbours, his tale became a joke.  
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew of what he spoke.  
But we will hear his tales no longer, for Old Bill has passed away;  
And the words a little poorer, for a Sailor died today.

He'll not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,  
For he lived a quiet, ordinary, uneventful life.  
He held a job to raise a family, going quiet on his own way,  
So the world won't no his passing, though a Sailor died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing, and say that they were great.  
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were  
young,  
But the passing of a common Sailor, goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land,  
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow, who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve our country, and offers up his life?

A politicians stipend, and the style in which he lives,  
Is sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.  
While an ordinary Sailor, who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal, and perhaps a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them, for it was so long ago.  
That the "Old Bills" of our country went to battle, but we know.  
It was not the politicians, with their compromises and their ploys,  
Who won for us our FREEDOM, that are country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with the enemy at hand,  
Would you want a politician, with his ever shifting stand?  
Or would you want a Sailor, who has sworn to defend,  
His home, his kin, his country, to fight until the end?

He was just a common Sailor, and his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us, we might need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the Sailor's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles, that others often start!

If we cannot do him honour, while he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least give him homage, at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps a simple headline in a paper that would say,

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING  
FOR A SAILOR DIED TODAY".



  
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